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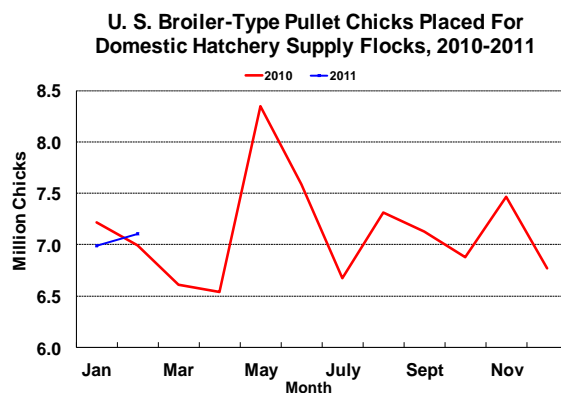
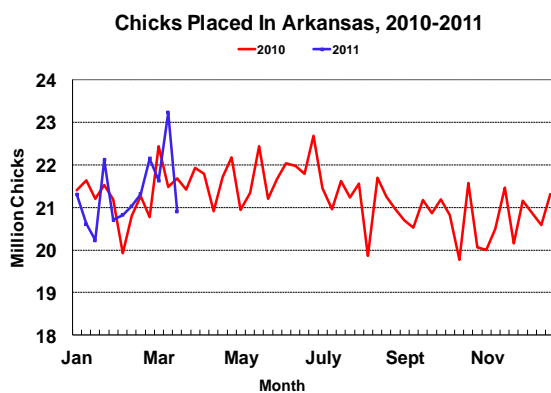
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Arkansas Chick Placements Down 4 Percent from Last Year

Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas were 20.9 million during the week ending March 19, 2011. Placements were down 4 percent from the comparable week in 2010 and down 10 percent from the previous week.

Arkansas hatcheries set 23.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 19, 2011, down 2 percent from the same period last year and down 2 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **United States** placed 7.11 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2011, up 2 percent from February 2010.



Broiler Eggs Set and Chicks Placed in 19 Major States by Week, February 19, 2011 - March 19, 2011

State	Eggs Set					Chicks Placed				
	Week Ending					Week Ending				
	19-Feb	26-Feb	5-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar	19-Feb	26-Feb	5-Mar	12-Mar	19-Mar
Alabama	30,978	29,551	29,840	29,936	30,414	21,762	21,044	21,177	21,441	20,592
Arkansas	23,419	23,339	23,546	23,810	23,418	21,319	22,150	21,633	23,233	20,908
Delaware	4,002	3,899	3,853	3,810	3,888	5,336	4,498	5,112	4,624	4,626
Florida	1,360	1,359	1,360	1,360	1,360	1,201	1,349	1,225	1,290	1,249
Georgia	33,653	33,090	33,447	33,291	33,153	28,083	27,285	28,329	28,770	28,305
Kentucky	8,032	7,822	7,647	7,707	7,878	6,402	6,780	5,854	6,635	6,286
Louisiana	3,379	3,409	3,440	3,409	3,440	2,991	3,021	3,081	2,997	3,036
Maryland	7,707	7,688	7,716	7,677	7,654	5,874	6,758	5,621	6,226	6,533
Mississippi	18,873	19,064	18,623	18,991	19,428	15,576	16,401	15,919	16,276	16,477
N. Carolina	19,828	19,794	19,596	19,632	20,293	15,731	15,202	15,799	16,277	15,819
Oklahoma	7,019	7,148	7,061	7,432	7,470	3,814	2,973	3,638	2,559	4,131
Pennsylvania	3,675	3,732	3,861	3,984	3,815	3,251	3,203	3,257	3,020	3,060
S. Carolina	5,610	5,566	5,566	5,660	5,439	3,885	4,852	4,050	4,010	4,010
Texas	15,097	15,351	15,728	15,347	15,202	12,033	11,915	11,778	12,343	12,989
Virginia	5,834	6,465	6,571	6,513	6,318	4,520	4,352	4,759	4,705	4,966
CA,MO,TN & WV	18,684	19,356	19,949	19,312	19,274	15,695	17,022	16,527	15,978	17,406
19 State Total	207,150	206,633	207,804	207,871	208,444	167,473	168,805	167,759	170,384	170,393
Prev. Year Total	206,981	207,365	206,494	205,506	207,381	165,886	168,299	169,058	170,165	169,930
% of Prev. Year	100	100	101	101	101	101	100	99	100	100

Revisions made to the previous five-week's data during the current week are published in this report.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set Up 1 Percent

Commercial hatcheries in the 19 State weekly program set 208 million eggs in incubators during the week ending March 19, 2011. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 84 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed Up Slightly

Broiler growers in the 19 State weekly program placed 170 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 19, 2011. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week a year earlier. Cumulative placements from January 2, 2011 through March 19, 2011 were 1.85 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.